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TAGS: EAIR, WB, SZ, US, UK, FR

SUBJECT: PROPOSED SWISS MEDEVAC FLIGHT TO BERLIN

REF: (A) BERN 4714; (B) BONN 19653

1. ALLIED MISSIONS HERE WERE INCLINED TO RECOMMEND EFFORT TO BRING SWISS MEDEVAC FLIGHT TO BERLIN WHEN REF B ARRIVED. HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS FOR DOING SO ARE EVIDENT; MOREOVER, ALLIES SUFFER FROM NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT THEY ARE UNWILLING TO PERMIT MERCY FLIGHTS IN CORRIDOR (LAST SEPTEMBER'S TURNDOWN WAS FOLLOWED BY SOME UNFAVORABLE NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY).

2. RECOGNIZING DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED, WE RECOMMEND THAT EVEN AT THIS LATE DATE ALLIES INFORM SOVIETS AT EARLY OPPORTUNITY THAT SWISS HOSPITAL AIRCRAFT MAY BE BRINGING DANGEROUSLY ILL PATIENT TO TEMPELHOF VIA CORRIDOR ON JAN 8 AND THAT PURPOSE IS TO AVOID DELAY INVOLVED IN TRANSPORTING PATIENT FROM SCHOENEFELD TO WEST BERLIN BY AMBULANCE. SHOULD SOVIETS ACQUIESCE, WE COULD THEN GRANT PERMISSION FOR FLIGHT TO USE CORRIDORS AND WOULD HAVE USEFULL PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE CASES, SOME OF WHICH  
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MAY BE LAST - MINUTE EMERGENCIES. SHOULD SOVIETS

REFUSE, ONUS OF REFUSAL WOULD BE ON THEM.

3. WE WOULD HOPE TO BE SURE OF SOVIET ACQUIESCENCE  
BY JAN 3 TO ALLOW SWISS AIR RESCUE SUFFICIENT TIME  
FOR CREW TO OBTAIN SAFETY ORIENTATION AND BRIEFING  
ON SPECIAL FLIGHT PROCEDURES FOR CORRIDORS AND  
BERLIN CONTROL ZONE. IN OUR VIEW,  
CONFRONTING SOVIETS WITH QUESTION OF WHETHER THEY WOULD BE  
WILLING TO PERMIT NON-ALLIED CORRIDOR  
FLIGHTS FOR EXCLUSIVELY HUMANITARIAN, NON-POLITICAL  
JUST MIGHT ELICIT FAVORABLE RESPONSE. KLEIN

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